Benefits of new scheme of scholarships to minority students

246. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many minority community students have been provided benefits under the new schemes of scholarships, community-wise;

(b) how many of them have availed scholarships for education abroad, country-wise;

(c) how many minority educational institutions have got grants from the Maulana Azad Education Foundation, institute-wise, and the details of grants given to each institute, during the last three years;

(d) how many applications were received during that period, year-wise; and

(e) how many Buddhist, Parsi and Sikh institutions have been given grant, institute-wise?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) The details of the scholarships sanctioned to students belonging to the minority communities are given below:-

Community	2007-08	2008-09 (As on 16.10.08)	
	Merit-cum means based scholarship scheme	Post-matric scholarship scheme	Pre-Matric scholarship scheme
Muslims	13843	49037	15604
Christians	2332	4917	2965
Sikhs	1046	1961	168
Buddhists	37	827	170
Parsis	—	—	—
Total	17258	56742	18907

(a) There is no scholarship scheme for students belonging to the minority communities for study abroad.

(c) and (d) Information is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 214 Annexure No.3]

(e) The Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) gives grants-in-aid to such institutions/ schools, in which the percentage of students/beneficiaries belonging to the notified national minorities is 50% or more. Community-wise data is not maintained.

Beneficiaries from minorities in Andhra Pradesh under merit-cum-means scholarship

247. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of beneficiaries belonging to minorities in Andhra Pradesh under the merit-cum-means scholarship for professional and technical courses at Under Graduate and Post Graduate levels, Pre- Matric Scholarship and Post-Matric Scholarship, during the last five years, yearwise and district-wise; and

(b) how the above scholarships are helping to rapidly increase education among minorities in the State?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) The merit-cum-means scholarship scheme for technical and professional courses and the post matric scholarship scheme for students belonging to the minority communities were launched in the year 2007-08. The pre-matric scholarship scheme has been launched in 2008-09. 889 scholarships were awarded under the merit-cum-means scholarship scheme and 2070 under the post matric scholarship scheme in 2007-08 to students belonging to Andhra Pradesh. The details of beneficiaries for the year 2007-08 in Andhra Pradesh are available on the website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in

In 2008-09, 16027 scholarships have been sanctioned to students in Andhra Pradesh under the pre-matric scholarship scheme.

(b) The schemes have just been started and their impact can be evaluated only after two to three years of implementation.

Assaults on a minority community in Orissa

248 SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many citizens from a minority community were assaulted in Orissa, recently;

(b) if so, whether any steps had been taken to get and grant justice to the above people;

(c) if so, the details thereof, including the number of people affected due to assault and atrocities in Orissa during the last three years, year-wise and category-wise;

(d) whether there is any delay in providing justice to the affected people; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (e) Information is being collected from the Ministry of Home Affairs and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assault on priests and nun belonging to a minority community

249. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the report of atrocities and criminal assault on priests and nuns belonging to a minority community in Orissa, Karnataka and Kerala; in the month of September, 2008;